



REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCES

CATCH OF THE WEEK

Week of March 14th, 2005

Taking the Worst of the Worst Off the Streets

Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force	
<p>Arthur Perez was arrested on March 17, 2005 in Whittier, California by members of the Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force (PSWRFTF) and detectives from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Major Crimes Bureau (LASD/MCB). Perez, a member of the "Los Nietos" street gang, was wanted by the LASD for two counts of attempted murder in connection with an October 2004 shooting incident that occurred in Pico Rivera, California. Perez allegedly went to the victim's residence to kill him because the victim had failed to carry out a murder on behalf of the Mexican Mafia. Perez allegedly shot the victim several times in the chest and then shot the victim's wife. Both victims survived the attack. Perez was identified as the assailant and a warrant was issued for his arrest, with bail set at \$4 million. In February 2005, LASD Operation Safe Streets (OSS) requested Task Force assistance in locating and apprehending Perez. Over the next several weeks, PSWRFTF and LASD MCB investigators conducted surveillances and interviews in an effort to locate Perez, who was believed to be changing locations on a daily basis. On March 17, 2005, Task Force investigators observed Perez in the company of a known associate in Whittier. LASD/MCB detectives conducted a traffic stop of the vehicle containing Perez and the associate. Perez attempted to escape from the vehicle; however, he was blocked in and unable to flee, and taken into custody.</p>	<p style="color: red; text-align: center;">Los Nietos street gang member</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Arthur Perez</p> <p>Wanted for Attempted Murder</p> </div>
New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force	
<p>Tyrone Cornelius McLeod was wanted by the Georgia Bureau of Investigations for three counts of homicide. On March 13, 2001, McLeod, while acting in concert with others, allegedly shot and killed a male victim in a residence near Roundtree Park in Douglas, Georgia. On the same day, McLeod allegedly killed two other male victims while they were sitting in a vehicle at Roundtree Park. All three murders were committed in retaliation to a robbery of marijuana. On March 11, 2005, the Georgia Bureau of Investigations requested the assistance of the NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force in locating and apprehending Tyrone McLeod. On March 17, 2005, task force members arrested McLeod in Brooklyn, New York without incident.</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Tyrone McLeod</p> <p>Wanted for Homicide</p> </div>

Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force

On March 18, 2005, investigators from the Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF), in conjunction with the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group (TOG), and members of the Dekalb County, Georgia Sheriff's Office, arrested Samuel Jennings in Atlanta, Georgia. Jennings was wanted for the February 10, 2003 murder of an individual in the Atlanta area. On February 12, 2003, the victim's family filed a missing person's report and advised authorities that the victim had gone to Jennings' apartment to confront him about some stolen musical equipment. On April 21, 2003, the victim's abandoned vehicle was found outside an apartment complex in Decatur, Georgia. The following day, victim's body was discovered inside a vacant apartment last leased to Jennings. The investigation revealed that Jennings had fled the area and returned to his hometown in the Bronx, New York. With the assistance of TOG, investigators were able to determine that Jennings had later returned to the Atlanta area under an assumed name and was employed through a temporary service. Surveillance was established at the office park where Jennings was supposedly working. After positively identifying the subject as he entered the building, SERFTF investigators placed Jennings under arrest. Jennings criminal history includes eight prior arrests involving assault, burglary, fraud, and obstruction of officers.



Samuel Jennings

Wanted for Murder

Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force

On March 17, 2005, members of the Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force (GLRFTF), with the assistance of the St. Clair County, Illinois Drug Tactical Unit, arrested Josh Emerson in Alorton, Illinois. Emerson, who had 11 previous felony convictions, was on federal supervised release in the Southern District of Illinois. The St. Clair County Sheriff's Department contacted the GLRFTF for assistance in the execution of a search warrant of Emerson's home. Upon entry, Emerson was located in a rear bed room. A search of the immediate area resulted in the recovery of a loaded .357 magnum, two kilograms of cocaine, approximately 3 pounds of marijuana, and 2 live alligators. Emerson has been charged federally with felon in possession of a firearm, possession of cocaine, heroin, and crack cocaine with intent to distribute.



Josh Emerson

Wanted for Felon in Possession of a Firearm and Possession of Narcotics with Intent to Distribute

Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force	
<p>Kithrick Pearley was wanted for 1st degree murder, 2nd degree murder, and 2 counts of attempted murder from an incident that occurred on September 1, 2003. While in a drug induced state, Pearley began shooting into a group of people who were visiting a house he occupied in Orange County, Florida. The murder victim was several months pregnant at the time of the shooting. On December 1, 2003, the Orange County Sheriff's Office requested USMS assistance in locating and arresting Pearley, and the case was made a USMS Major Case. On March 21, 2005, the USMS received information that Pearley had been involved in a domestic assault in Baltimore City but had fled before local police arrived. The Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF) assembled approximately 20 investigators who worked through the night to locate the subject. On March 22, 2005, at around 2:45 a.m., CARFTF surveillance teams spotted Pearley outside a target residence and took him into custody. It was later determined that he was picking up the last of his belongings before attempting to flee the area. Pearley has an extensive history of violence, with several arrests for armed robbery, assault, resisting arrest with violence, and drug charges.</p>	<div data-bbox="1159 205 1419 527" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="1166 527 1406 564" data-label="Caption"> <p>Kithrick Pearley</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1143 598 1430 707" data-label="Text"> <p>Wanted for Murder and Attempted Murder</p> </div>